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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:  
SCHMIDT *et al.*  
Application No.: 09/806,564

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Title: CHARACTERISING POLYPEPTIDES THROUGH CLEAVAGE AND MASS  
SPECTROMETRY

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated August 22, 2003, in which the claims were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§ 103 and 112, and certain claims were the subject of an objection under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendment and remarks.

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